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REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment C, claims 1-6, 10-29, and 31 are currently pending and under consideration. Claims 34-39 were cancelled by this amendment; in canceling this subject matter from this application, applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the remaining subject matter through one or more continuation applications.

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 1-6, 10-29, and 31 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-117 of U.S. Patent 6,660,866. In the interests of expediting prosecution and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.130(b) and 37 CFR 1.321(c) to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn and request allowance of claims 1-6, 10-29, and 31, which are now pending in this application.

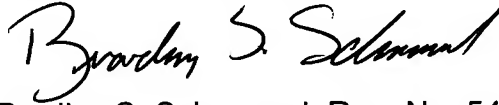
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, applicants request entry of the claim amendments, withdrawal of all claim rejections, and solicit an allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should any issue remain unresolved.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the fee for the submission of a Statutory Disclaimer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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